

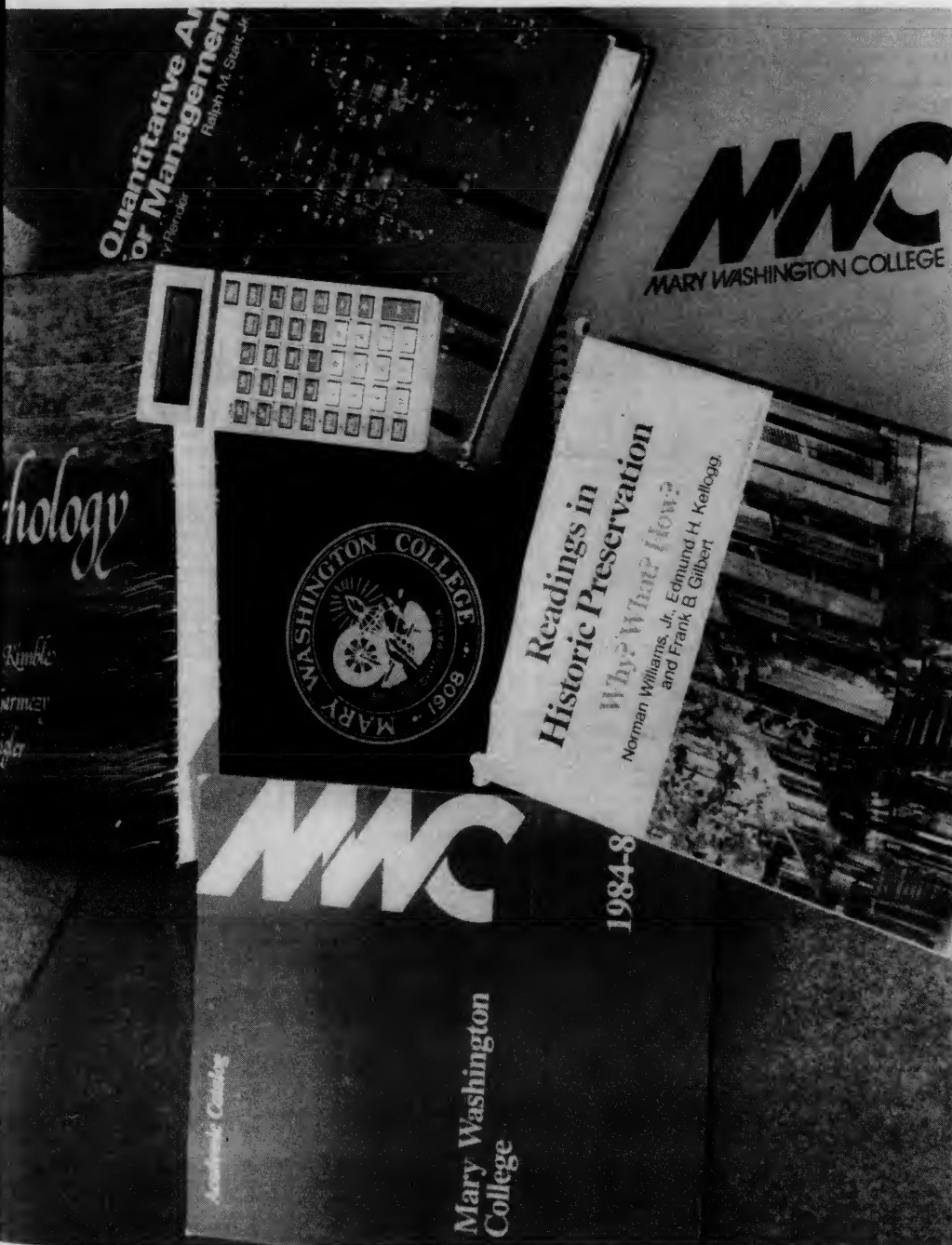
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## Spring Semester Brings 72 New Students

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Tsi-Tsi Shahwe thought she could get more out of a small liberal arts school which was known for its reasonable price. So this semester, the Zimbabwe native transferred to Mary Washington from Bentley College, a business school in Massachusetts.

Shahwe is one of 72 transfer students at MWC this semester. Dr. H. Conrad Warlick, vice president for admissions and financial aid, said most transfer students come from the state community college system. After these students, priority is given to in-state students from other four year colleges. Final priority is given to out-of-state students.

Warlick said that transfer students this semester have come from such schools as Brigham Young University, Clemson, Wake Forest and Penn State. Others have come from England and the Philippines. He said there is no particular pattern relating to the schools students transfer from.

Warlick added that he likes transfers. "They know what they're

looking for...they have something else to compare," he said. Maria Weis, a freshman who transferred from James Madison University spoke against the Greek system at JMU. The absence of such a system at MWC was one factor which attracted her to the college.

As the transfers came, so did 13 first time freshmen. Fifty-nine students who were here last semester did not come back. Forty-one were suspended and 18 were first time freshmen who chose not to return.

Academic Counselor Sandy Keller said that failing out is caused by a number of reasons, such as a difficult courseload with poor preparatory background or various social factors.

Dr. Roy Weinstock, associate dean of academic services, said many freshmen do not come back because they are homesick or have not made the right adjustment to college life.

Total enrollment for this semester is 2,984; 77 fewer than enrolled in the fall. According to Weinstock, this illustrates a national trend that enrollment in the fall is generally higher than in the spring.

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Farmer said that Abernathy's appearance is in conjunction with the numerous King holiday celebrations occurring throughout the month.

In response to the King holiday, Farmer has traveled and lectured across the country. He spoke at a number of schools, including Boston University, the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia. Although he was invited to the celebrations in Atlanta by King's widow Coretta, Farmer said he had to "regretfully decline due to previous commitments."

Farmer encourages all students to attend the MWC lectures. "We just want the students to come out and show that Mary Washington College is concerned about Civil Rights and America," he said.

All lectures are free and open to the public.

## Civil Rights Leader To Speak in Dodd

by SUSAN LOYD

The Reverend Ralph Abernathy, former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and long time associate of Martin Luther King Jr., will present a lecture at 7 p.m. tonight in Dodd auditorium entitled "King and the Movement."

Abernathy is the first speaker in a public lecture series entitled "The Historic Struggle for Racial Equality" presented by the Department of History and American Studies this semester.

The lecture series was organized by visiting professor of History Dr. James Farmer, founder of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

Other speakers include U.S. Congressman Walter Fauntroy, Feb. 11; and former U.N. Ambassador and current Mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young, March 18.

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Educational Assistance Authority. Murray spoke on the changing student loan laws.

A few of the motions VASA passed were in support of the Landlord Tenant Act, new immunization laws and the appropriation of funds for improvements to MWC and UVA. VASA also officially recognized the MWC Board of Visitors for receding the motion to change the name.

VASA meets monthly to discuss the lobbying concerns of Virginia students. MWC's VASA members include Karen Anderson, Mary Loose, Don Appiarus and Phil Schmidt.

## Spring Semester Brings in 72 New Students

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Tsi-Tsi Shahwe thought she could get more out of a small liberal arts school which was known for its reasonable price. So this semester, the Zimbabwe native transferred to Mary Washington from Bentley College, a business school in Massachusetts.

Shahwe is one of 72 transfer students at MWC this semester. Dr. H. Conrad Warlick, vice president for admissions and financial aid, said most transfer students come from the state community college system. After these students, priority is given to in-state students from other four year colleges. Final priority is given to out-of-state students.

Warlick said that transfer students this semester have come from such schools as Brigham Young University, Clemson, Wake Forest and Penn State. Others have come from England and the Philippines. He said there is no particular pattern relating to the schools students transfer from.

Warlick added that he likes transfers. "They know what they're

looking for...they have something else to compare," he said. Maria Weis, a freshman who transferred from James Madison University spoke against the Greek system at JMU. The absence of such a system at MWC was one factor which attracted her to the college.

As the transfers came, so did 13 first time freshmen. Fifty-nine students who were here last semester did not come back. Forty-one were suspended and 18 were first time freshmen who chose not to return.

Academic Counselor Sandy Keller said that falling out is caused by a number of reasons, such as a difficult course load with poor preparatory background or various social factors.

Dr. Roy Weinstock, associate dean of academic services, said many freshmen do not come back because they are homesick or have not made the right adjustment to college life.

Total enrollment for this semester is 2,984; 77 fewer than enrolled in the fall. According to Weinstock, this illustrates a national trend that enrollment in the fall is generally higher than in the spring.

man" and "alter ego." We could not have gotten a better person than Abernathy," he said.

Farmer said that Abernathy's appearance is in conjunction with the numerous King holiday celebrations occurring throughout the month.

In response to the King holiday, Farmer has traveled and lectured across the country. He spoke at a number of schools, including Boston University, the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia. Although he was invited to the celebrations in Atlanta by King's widow Coretta, Farmer said he had to "regretfully decline due to previous commitments."

Farmer encourages all students to attend the MWC lectures. "We just want the students to come out and show that Mary Washington College is concerned about Civil Rights and America," he said.

All lectures are free and open to the public.

## Civil Rights Leader To Speak in Dodd

by SUSAN LOYD

The Reverend Ralph Abernathy, former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and long time associate of Martin Luther King Jr., will present a lecture at 7 p.m. tonight in Dodd auditorium entitled "King and the Movement."

Abernathy is the first speaker in a public lecture series entitled "The Historic Struggle for Racial Equality" presented by the Department of History and American Studies this semester.

The lecture series was organized by visiting professor of History Dr. James Farmer, founder of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

Other speakers include U.S. Congressman Walter Fauntroy, Feb. 11; and former U.N. Ambassador and current Mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young, March 18.

Farmer described Abernathy as Martin Luther King Jr.'s "right arm

# Mortar Board Hosts Section Meeting

by PATRICIA WEBER

Mortar Board, the national organization for outstanding college seniors, held a mid-atlantic section meeting at MWC Saturday, Jan. 18. Seniors from colleges in Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware and Washington D.C., gathered to learn more about the "Privilege of Service." The participants in the conference met to exchange ideas and learn more about service.

Col. F.W. Goodenough addressed the issue of stress management, while William Schafer spoke on

Originally intending to major in French, Murray received an "A" in psychology and thus obtained her B.A. in psychology in 1971 from Brown University. Murray later pursued a law degree at George Washington University.

In recounting her struggle for success, Murray encouraged women to have a well thought out life plan. In order to accommodate probable career phases, she emphasized the necessity to remain flexible.

Murray says she received her governor appointed position because "a lawyer can do anything."

"When asked if I could type, I wanted to be able to say 'No but I'm a lawyer,'" said Murray.

"Politics is one place where women are further ahead than any where else," noted Murray.

She said women are building their political power at the state level to progress to higher levels.

Murray cited Governors Robb and Baliles as aiding in this strengthening. Murray noted that Robb allowed no one to interfere with his placing women (including herself) in volunteering.

Muriel Johnson Murray, the key

note speaker addressed "The Role of Women in the '80's and Beyond."

"Do not be afraid to be as smart as you are. Do not be afraid to be as strong as you are. Always strive for excellence but give yourself a break and forgive yourself," advised Murray, executive director of the state education assistance authority.

Murray stated that the phase of the "Superwoman" has passed. Today's women can not do it all because there are too many choices. This has indeed changed from the past when a woman could not do it all because she was not permitted to try.

responsible positions and Baliles recently named three women to his cabinet.

Murray also cited current statistics showing that one-third of the new businesses have been started by women. "Don't just think of working for someone else, you have a dream, follow it," said Murray.

Professionals should strive for win-win situations. Success does not come from someone else's failures," said Murray.

"Always keep a sense of humor. You will fail," she stated. "Without a sense of humor, the pain will kill you."

# Senior Artists Exhibit Works

by ALLISON SHEPPARD and GAIL ZIEGLER

Tom, Margaret, Heidi, Michael...Where Four Art Thou? Check duPont Galleries, site of the annual senior art show, Jan. 15-21, featuring Tom Little, Margaret Embree, Heidi Reszies and Michael Dean, four of Mary Washington's outstanding senior art majors.

The idea for the exhibition began last year when the four artists decided they wanted to show together. The result is an aesthetic mixture of

bold oil portraits, prints, sculpture and ceramics.

"Our styles are so different," said Little, "but we didn't realize it until the show." Each artist uses a different dominant media, though together each seems to compliment the others. Little, for instance, prefers ceramics, while Embree concentrates on painting and Dean excels in sculpture. Reszies, who won a graphic arts award last year, focuses on printmaking.

Colorful, people-oriented oil paintings dominate the exhibit, capturing

what Little describes as the artists' interpretations of "how we see each other, and how we see ourselves."

Embree's expressionism reflects a seriousness in reality. Her work, *Ant* typifies this emotive style. *Ant* is stark, with only a hint of motion, as an ant creeps across a brightly lit hardwood floor.

Dean, on the other hand, uses brighter colors and upbeat themes for his compositions, which he creates solely with a palette knife.

Little's forte is ceramics, an area

he would like to pursue as museum or gallery pieces. For his paintings, he uses collages as models for his work.

Reszies, double majoring in studio art and drama, works from photographs to produce strikingly realistic, detailed portraiture.

All four plan to pursue their artistic talents. Dean stressed that "just because Mary Washington is a liberal arts school, doesn't mean we don't have a good art program." He added, "For a small school, I think we do wonders."

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## People

## It's No Debate, Hair is a Plus

by MELISSA MOORE

Instructor of Speech David D. Hair may describe himself as the new kid on the block, but he's not hesitant about making changes. Since his arrival at Mary Washington last fall, he has revised the speech program and formed a debate team.

In addition, Hair has submitted proposals for seven new courses in communication for next fall. "MWC has, for the last 20 plus years, approached speech from the technical and scientific standpoint," Hair said, with a trace of a southern accent. "The new program is oriented toward the humanities—history, theory, criticism and performance," he added.

Hair explained that the scientific or anatomic approach to speech focuses more on style and speech production. He said most people believe that speech courses teach only "how to win friends and influence people."

"I'm interested in students understanding the content of what they're saying," Hair said. According to Hair, students need critical analysis to get a sense of work's substance before they give a speech. Hair said actual performance will

be only part of the new speech program. "Students understand style or performance much better when they can understand the history and theory behind it," he said.

Hair came to MWC from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. Hair said he enjoyed his first semester at MWC. "I felt that I was giving birth to a new program. Meeting new students and colleagues was an exciting time," he said.

"Starting a new program at a public liberal arts college and adapting your field to the needs of a college's curriculum is a real challenge," he added.

Hair said he found a good reception at MWC. "I have a really nice group of colleagues," he said. "They made me feel at home." When Hair formed the debate team last fall, he received letters and phone calls of support and encouragement from the faculty. "For the new kid on the block, that's nice," he said.

"I'm looking forward to continuing my work at Mary Washington. There are exciting times ahead for the students and faculty."

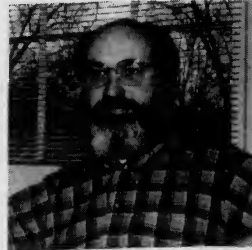
Before Hair's arrival, MWC had not had a debate team since the 1950's. This year's team recently won the quarterfinalist position in a tournament at George Mason

University, winning five out of eight rounds. According to Hair, "This is excellent for a novice team."

The debate team has attended tournaments at James Madison, Randolph Macon and George Mason. These tournaments placed MWC students in competition with eighteen other colleges and universities.

According to Hair, "debating gives the student an intellectual alternative in competition with other schools. It's an exciting, exhilarating and scary to put your intellectual capacities out in competition with other students," he said.

"Debate takes a lot of commitment, like theater or sports," Hair explained. Students are given national, state or local issues to research and debate. In tournaments, the student must be able to debate both sides of a national



Instructor of Speech David D. Hair  
Photo by Barry deNicola

issue. "Skills of thinking, information gathering, critical analysis and speaking are all brought to bear in a debate," Hair said. "Debate is fun as well as a learning experience."

Hair sees the speech program benefitting students of all majors. "Speech utilizes all the skills a

liberal arts education should equip a student with—thinking, writing and speaking.

Hair is currently working on a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Communication at the University of Pittsburgh. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama and a Masters of Divinity at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

His hobbies include refinishing furniture and writing poetry. He enjoys attending auctions and collecting early American antiques. As evidence of this interest, Hair points out a church pew, and an old classroom desk that sit in his office. Neatly matted and framed old lithographs and etchings hang in his office and an old Mason jar sits on his desk among the books and papers.



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# Paisley Conspiracy Lacks Real Purpose

In the week that I've been back, I've seen more paisley and neck brochures than I've ever wanted to. Not that that is bad, in fact, that's not even the problem. It's the mentality that inspires such behavior. There's nothing like the Woodward & Lothrop Young Misses store to ruin a good thing.

I told my good friend that I live vicariously through him. You know him, the guy with the short, spiked hair, the oversize topcoat, his shirt buttoned to the throat. Of course you don't know him—that describes half the population of this college. And that's just the problem.

When I was a freshman, you would know exactly who I meant. Back then I thought it would be so cool if I could look like him—be a real punk. But I never had the courage to actually go out and do that to myself. I worried too much about what my mom would do to me if I got an earring (I considered a clip-on) or a mohawk ("Mom, I had to do this for a psychology experiment.").

So instead, I went the safe route. I wore white socks with my penny loafers, bought a couple of skinny ties, and wore a black sports coat with my jeans. I bought every new wave album I could get my hands on, the more obscure the better. I became a poser first-class.

Now remember, this was all in those heady days of the first Reagan administration. Inflation was down, defense spending was up, and we as a collective society were feeling gosh darn good. Suddenly, all those *Leave it to Beaver* reruns made sense. If the late '70's and early '80's have no personality, as has often been said, it is because everyone was too busy getting tax rebates and being too contented and sedate to worry about making any sort of cultural statement. Making a statement is what the Punk and New-Wave movement, and this Paisley conspiracy that it has given birth to, were trying to do, at least originally.

These people are just as legitimate as social critics and rebels as were the Hippies of the '60's, the Beatniks of the '50's and the Flappers of the '20's. The problem that I see, however, is that the Punk-New Wave scene is now more of a fashion craze than any actual reaction. And I suppose this is where my gripe lies.

All the people who got paisley shirts for Christmas, paisley ties (myself included), black overcoats (myself included, but alas, it's polyester), flowered jeans (mine were plain blue), and psychedelic albums (moi aussi) might be tempted to forget that all this stemmed from a very intense, even violent, revolt

against the complacency of our times.

When I was home over the break, I went shopping at Tyson's Corner, and as I sat in the Roy Rogers watching all the teeny boppers walk by, I couldn't believe all the punk haircuts, earrings, crucifixes, and tough-looking sneers that I saw. I have a nephew who is eleven years old, and soon now, I fully expect him to walk up to me with an official Echo and the Bunnymen haircut and an R.E.M. concert T-shirt, kick me in the shins and call me a preppy, fascist, old poop.

And this, I imagine, is what I am trying to get at. I'm feeling like an old, left-out poop. And seeing all the

underclassmen, the teeny boppers at the mall, jump fully into something that I barely dipped my big toe into makes me feel even worse. What started for me as an elite passionate quest for an original, even controversial, identity is now being mass-marketed by MTV, department stores and Brooks Brothers (where I'm sure my brother, the consultant, bought me my paisley tie).

I can just imagine how people who were college-age in the early '60's felt when they watched the Hippies a few years later, realizing that they had just missed the boat. My God, was *Live Aid* our generation's Woodstock?

My housemate tells me not to take

this all too hard, assuring me that cutting the soles off of shoes, the climbing trees and playing the flute could be popular tomorrow. I suppose he's right. My friend, the one I live vicariously through, was helping me decide what to wear to the party the other night. He told me that the style today was no style. Anything can match and anything goes. So I put on my cool black overcoat.

Anything, except polyester, says to me, pulling away from me if I had the plague. Now it would follow logically, that after the '60's revival ends, there could be a '70's revival. So I think I'll keep my black overcoat. Polyester might come back in a minute.

## Personals

Carol K.—Did you have fun serving Marshall basement Saturday night?

"Donna, Craig should never go jobless."—Levi Strauss.

D.G.—Did you really wake up with tinsel around your neck? I put mine on the lampshade!

Amy, why? Love, Rik.

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# Liberal Arts and the Conservative Trend

You may have heard that we are in the midst of a cultural recession, sometimes called a conservative end. The propagators of this concept are varied.

Some are foreigners who marveled at and then mimicked our cultural evolution of the '60's.

Despite their ever present belittling of America, the baby country, they were still in awe of our outright intellectual ingenuity in taking apart hypocritical value system and setting things straight in terms of the civil rights and the women's movement.

But most are liberals, who, after having seen their best days in the '60's are still banging their heads against the wall in disbelief at the selection of the epitomy of their nightmare; Ronald Reagan.

According to many liberals, Reagan is delivering our previously progressive society back into the hands of traditional roles and values that we had almost broken from.

He is relieving us from all those confusing and impossible tasks like trying to find a place for women in a male-dominated society, or teaching men to deal with them as equal partners. God help us.

The liberals' worst fear was realized in Reagan's inviting the conservative right wing religious factions

into the political arena.

With these groups, the liberals complain, comes the patriarchal systems of the home and a strict plan for socialization for Americans to follow using the *Bookas* the one and only reference, forgetting such godless writings as those of Camus, Twain, Freud and anyone else who is in hell right now or going there soon.

These groups are getting too powerful for the liberals to handle. I would not like to see these factions silenced but rather controlled in order to let the other three-quarters of the United States have a say.

One of the most frightening characters to arise in the conservative trend is a woman named Phyllis Schafly. She heads up a group called the Eagle Forum. Their goal is to return the woman to the home and childbearing and put men back at the head of the household.

They have titled their movement pro-family, which is a very effective name—if you don't subscribe to their patriarchal system you are anti-family.

The Eagle Forum seeks to legislate the idea of a male-headed household. Will it be illegal for women to work without their husbands' permission, or for them to decide to stay single? Very Scary.

There are those who sit back and point out that this trend is just part of a larger cycle. The '50's begat the '60's, and now our culture needs a break from all that free thinking. So here we are in the '80's not thinking so freely, but soon our culture will move again toward awareness.

I could be comfortable with that if there were not such snowball legislation picking up speed on Capital Hill getting pushes from groups like the Moral Majority.

Jane McDonald

## Set Scheduling—No Way!

Now that the name change controversy is temporarily resolved, and there isn't a major dispute between the two political parties on campus, it seems as if the present topic to be debated by active college members is the question of self-scheduling exams.

Evidently, it seem that "the powers that be" have decided that self-scheduling exams is a privilege which they deem necessary to resolve.

Granted. I am not 100 percent aware of all the facts and details, but I do know a petition signed by 1000

Abortion, homosexuality and ERA are all issues that are being pulled apart by the not so free thinking religious groups that have tremendous money and influence. The issues are really being taken out of the hands of the people they concern.

Not so, Jerry Falwell would say. In his opinion, they are all issues that are anti-god and therefore the concern of every American citizen. Is this reminiscent of a certain senator

in the '50's?

As a student of the liberal arts, I fear this conservative trend is driving an open mind into extinction. liberal arts are becoming "conservative arts." Liberal is not a matter of identity but rather a guideline in the pursuit of truths. Sounds a little thick, doesn't it?

Well it just means that if a student wants to learn more about the world

See BAKER, page 8.

college members in a period of a week was virtually ignored.

Will the wishes of the students on campus be cast aside?

True, these students may also vote for the elimination of final exams and homework, if they thought it would be in their interest. But is the elimination of self-scheduled exams a benefit for us?

With this it is theoretically possible for one to have to take three or more exams in one day. Then during registration will one have to worry about when their final is scheduled

and have to juggle their classes accordingly?

Those in favor of eliminating self-scheduling conclude that it will cut down cheating on exams. Cheating? And what about the honor code?

If the choice is between proctored exams or the loss of flexibility of exams, would not the logical choice be to reinstate proctors during exams?

In a time when the college is so concerned with its marketability and in drawing quality applicants, is it not common sense to preserve those favorable academic features which make this college special?

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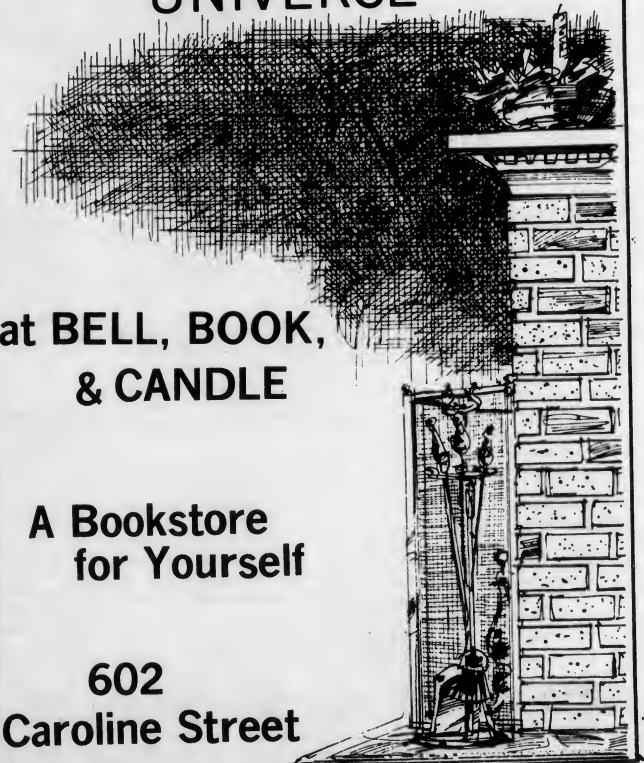
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## Columns

## Hungover for the Holidays

"There is not a single moment in life that we can afford to lose," Goulburn smugly proclaims atop our yellow "This Week."

A profound but fundamentally flawed inspiration string old 'burn buddy: I can think of a dozen moments you'd beg to miss. One quite unsettling moment still hasn't faded from my mind, coming up to shake and pound like a Puritan nightmare...

By Thursday last exam week I was unburdened-seniorphobia had not yet set in though perhaps senioritis had: I was an "irresponsible," suddenly unsupervised, wonderfully unoccupied, and dangerously un-babysitted; the formula for disaster was there and I cooked it up like a seasoned chef.

First, I cleansed myself of those stale sixteen-week old impurities, slinging that backpack into a corner-not opening it again till after Christmas. Then I became a giant, capricious, enthusiastic shopper. Simple. I needed one ingredient-the food that made Milwaukee infamous and Bushnell brain-dead: I was cooking with the Best.

No detailed instructions, just open and consume; in no time it's simmering just fine...simmering I mean. Yes, thanks to this heady campus favorite, I thoroughly enjoyed Rocky IV that night, providing my own wrinkle to the bull along with my other dinner guests, no doubt to the horror of Virginia theatre-goers. (The dinner earnestly wish to go unnamed.)

After the movie I was driven to the C-Shop for some more of that campus cuisine, to wash down the first serving and quaff still more-it

doesn't stay very filling, or at least not very long. A great relief, eh Roger?

Well folks, I know it wasn't very smart, but damn if it wasn't cathartic. Yeah! In a short time I was very aware of alcohol, breath analysis unnecessary and completely ill-advised: i.e., Baby, I was bombed! (But didn't do any bombing, thank Allah for that.)

I do, however, remember having a ball in an upstairs room doing hand-stands, dancing along as easy as ACL. And I also remember an icky but rocking robin of a party with all the crew. The things we kids do, whew! To self-incriminatingly say the least, it was a nogged-out, crazy, off-keyed choir of a time before Christmas fastbreak. (Excuse me if I edit the lurched dormward bound bit: I didn't follow any specific key and could barely use the one I had.)

Next morning, uh! I wish I could describe this nonverbally, acting it out with proper Belushesque style, but I can't act; moreover, the acting-up had gotten way out of hand. What a way to start the mid-year recess: hungover for the holidays!

The traditionally cruel joke, of course was that instead of starting to quickly get better-like it had all begun the night before-it went from ok to awful: the incrementally ironic cliché, "Things will get worse before they get better." Well, Murphy could shove the philosophizing and simply open the bathroom door as far as I was concerned.

At first I couldn't even open my eyes; then the light painfully blinked in (and I unceremoniously turned to dust). Unfatedly positioned, sprawled out on the tortured bed, I was rigid,

'stiff, and brittle-and that was just my tongue! On my arm I needed a sore spot and prayed the thing wouldn't drop off.

Understating and belaboring the obvious, I felt horrible. But it's always constructive (destructive?) to get another opinion on these things. My roommate supplied one: "You look like shit." Not only did the truth hurt, it wounded, piercing hypersensitive ears, my softened senses.

And in keeping with this yuletide debauchery, you'll all be glad to know, belligerent sugarplums danced untiringly on my head. And what a number they stomped to, all drums, pound pound, pound. It was too much; I faded out, figgy-pudding and frayed.

Not to be denied, Consciousness came back to visit my bed-ridden bones that afternoon. One thing's quite amazing about these constitutionally enforced penances: No matter how bad you feel, you always look worse. Waking to find people clustered around the bed like religious vultures, worshipping your comic stature, greedily drinking up only a parody of themselves, complete with cavernous grins and suppressed squawks of delight, you know it's very bad indeed.

Stumbling to the bathroom-sort of a home away from health-cupping and then gulping some water, I looked up into the mirror-which unfortunately wasn't streaked and dirty enough to protect me from the basilisk-like stare. Fernando would have died of heart failure with a gander at that goober. Uuuuuuugggh!

Mercifully, I was torn away from the image when gravity suddenly

went all wrong, and just did manage to lean into the hoveled bedcovers before I hit, heavy limbed, barely-weighted, ornamentally obliterated: I was still wearing silver tinsel around my neck from the night before.

When my father came a couple of hours later, I had a few miracles for him to marvel at: I had taken a shower, though I had been too pained to wash my feet-any change in altitude not wise, it was basically a long, therapeutic soak; next I had gotten my sea legs, braved the rainy gloom outside with my storm-ravaged features and internal strife, scaled GW stories for my check-what I called "stairway to stonemide"; then I had gone to the bank, cashed-out, leaning toward anyone who threatened to cut in line, and leaving no unacceptable deposits-something of which I am immensely proud; and finally I had limped "home" and -get this-packed it!

How's that for an amazing story? (Forgive me if you're a true Spielberg fan: I left out a few vile special effects.)

Dad was not made from the overly "impressionable" mold and it didn't surprise me when he was unimpressed by the nature of my "miracle work" readiness. But he is not a particularly vicious man either, which is why I couldn't understand his sadism that day.

First of all, he rearranged my travel mess flush across the back of the station wagon, which I had painstakingly left vacant for my body, already dreading the jarring processional home. Secondly-and I still haven't forgiven him for this-he badgered me with the same nauseating questions: "Are you hungry yet? Would you like to stop and get something?" Aggh! I'm sorry, but disrespect in focus, dad just didn't get a clue; this little game dragged on till Roanoke welled up in front of us.

## BAKER, from page 7.

around him then he can have access to the great volume of ideas and the room to digest and interpret them in a personal way.

A good example (not my own) of what a liberal arts education is all about is the picture of Linus and his security blanket. Upon entering a liberal arts school Linus would leave his blanket at home, and upon graduation his decision to have his

blanket back is a choice made after a profound understanding of what it means to be insecure. Open minds allow a society boundless progress toward unlimited goals. Seeking the protection of the open mind is nothing new. It has been around for a long time but with age comes vintage, not redundancy.

At one point in cow country stopped and I got a carbon drink-I just grabbed one less him to pay for it, grrr. Down road I woke up to the stench chocolate. The remains of two Goodbars were on the seat between us. He was chewing wildly and showed a box at my face when he saw I was awake. It was chocolate covered peanuts. That was worst! Hanging my head out window in the rain, I moaned in murk, and the cows mooed back.

By seven I was on recovery re-eating an egg-sized cup of chick soup and crushed crackers. Flashed out in one of those reclining chairs glared at the TV, which was at my speed; shifting to meaningful communication was still out of question. Then one of the commercials hit a nerve and the fragile rehabilitation was shattered. It was weird, something to do with the wrenching combination of any boy and John Madden: Hey, come give me a break, I was hungover!

Bill Cosby once "rhetorized": "Why do people work so hard week just to destroy themselves the weekend?" Why did I work hard all semester just to stagger back years in one night, crawling around crippled, bumping into furniture? Avoiding the obvious answer, I found it comforting to think of this moment as a necessary part of a very liberal (often excessive) education.

And if Goulburn were masochistic enough to want this moment, I gladly give him the recipe. But Goulburn's dead-though obvious his sermons still have lively circulation. As far as I'm concerned, there's no sense resurrecting and crucifying him with my "lost" moment; that's not my philosophy.

Instead, I'd rather listen to Jefferson about life: "The art of life is the avoiding of pain." That's better, wiser. Do you think T.J. ever drank

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## SWIM, from page 10.

Steve Graham, and Mark O'Connell. According to Coach Richards, "The team's performance has been very good. We swim a tough schedule. We compete against division I and II scholarship schools as well as division III."

Richards said that the spirit of the swim team is enthusiastic, and its members are excited about the new look of MWC's swim program.

"Swimming is a tedious sport to train for," commented Richards. "If I make practice more interesting and

challenging, they put more effort into practice." Richards explained that he tries to design practice around what his team needs physically while keeping "their mental state at a tolerable level." He added that a typical practice involves swimming a minimum of 6,000 yards a day plus weight work.

"The potential for success in this program is here," said Richards, "but it's going to take a lot of time and effort." He added, "It's a nice school and a nice facility. I think we're going to do really well."

## Announcing...

Fredericksburg Commonwealth's Attorney Ann P. Palamar will speak on the various issues related to student drinking this evening, Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. in the Ballroom of ACL. The lecture is especially valuable for club representatives, RAs, RDe and anyone involved in the planning and coordinating of campus activities. Questions can be referred to the Dean of Students Office.

Any junior who has a G.P.A. of 3.0 or above and did not receive a Mortar Board application should contact Denise Williams at x4509 or LeAnne Raynor at x4045.

The Rugby team has begun to practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in the weight room of Goodrick. Anyone interested in joining the Club is welcomed. The Club is particularly interested in running-backs.

Seniors-100th Night is Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in Seacobeck Basement. Entertainment by Crash Davenport.

The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, prominent Civil Rights crusader and one of the organizers of the 1956 Montgomery (Ala.) bus boycott, will deliver a public lecture entitled "Martin Luther King and the Nonviolent Crusade for Equality" this evening, Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. The address is part of a Public Lecture Series and course, "The Historic Struggle for Racial Equality," being given by James Farmer, visiting Commonwealth Professor of History at MWC. Admission is open to the public and free of charge.

Monday, Feb. 10 is the deadline for declaring a major in order to register this spring for Fall 1986 classes as a declared major. To declare a major, a student must have earned 43 credits. Major declaration cards are available in the Office of Academic Services, GW 209.

A course may be dropped without penalty through Monday, Feb. 3. Courses dropped during this period will not be noted on the student's permanent record.

The Belmont Annual Film Series will feature two films, "J.M.W. Turner" and "Monet in London," which focus on these artists' brilliant and evocative renditions of the English landscape and the environs of the Thames River. The event will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Chandler Hall, Room 102, at 8 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

It's a Party! Friday, Jan. 31 from 8 p.m.-midnight in Seacobeck Basement. Tunes by Mickey and Stacey. Sponsored by Framar. Admission is \$2 non-drinking MWC, \$3 drinking MWC and \$4 for guests.

Financial Aid Packets for 1986-87, including the Financial Aid Form, student employment application and guaranteed student loan information sheet were mailed to all currently enrolled degree-seeking, undergraduate students before Christmas. If you did not receive this packet of information and are interested in applying for financial aid in 1986-87, please stop by the Financial Aid Office, GW 307 and pick up a packet.

# Get the Facts Straight

The Editor:

The authors of America's Declaration of Independence might well be wonced at the idea of their ideas and ideas being used to revolution by South African today, as Miss Jennifer Taylor of People Against Apartheid wrote in her letter to the editor "Apartheid Stance Questioned" (1/26, 1985).

Miss Taylor, in commenting on an earlier letter penned by myself, fully compared the oppression facing blacks in South Africa today to the situation which inspired our Declaration of Independence subsequent revolution over 200 years ago. Via this analogy she described revolution for black South Africans subjugated under apartheid today.

Miss Taylor is once again correct in reiterating the stupidity inherent in apartheid, and in noting that the practice must end. What she fails to consider, however, in prescribing revolution as a cure for the idiocy of apartheid, is that through a revolution engineered by the Soviet backed African National Congress (ANC), those very people promised freedom but find themselves sold into Soviet slavery. One need only look to Ethiopia and the manner in which that nation's Soviet controlled puppet government has chosen to intentionally starve out portions of its

population to predict the fate of a post-revolutionary South Africa.

Or perhaps one might consider Nicaragua where, since their own glorious revolution against the evils of capitalism, civil and religious liberties have been crushed.

As Miss Taylor reflects upon American history in deciding the fate of black South Africans, she might consider looking at our founding fathers' visions of a better nation; Thomas Jefferson's desire for freedoms in society; or perhaps to

American black's own courageous fight for equality—a fight which lasted nearly 100 years. Each of these are unfortunately areas which she has ignored.

Through reform—reform which will take time—blacks and whites will transcend the absurdity of racism in South Africa. Only, however, if attention is given to the facts.

Sincerely,

Don McCardell

## Fund for America Seeks Student Help

To the Editor:

Last May, Vice-President George Bush established a political action committee, The Fund for America's Future.

The Fund, which has been fully endorsed by President Reagan, was formed to raise and donate needed campaign funds to those Republican candidates for congress, state and local races, in this years off year elections.

In addition to raising funds, this committee will allow the Vice-President to travel all across the nation in support of not only the Republican candidates for office but also to spread throughout the coun-

try President Reagan's message and agenda for our society as well as to give Vice-President Bush needed exposure.

Since November of 1985, a group of volunteers at Mary Washington College have been volunteering their time to help the Vice-President in his endeavors. We do not function as a club but rather as a group of supporters willing to travel to Washington, D.C. once a month to participate in the many special events offered.

From helping on fundraisers, working on national mailings,

See FUND, page 11.

## CONCERN, from page 2.

do not wish to sound selfish, the purpose today of self-scheduling is to allow better performance on exams, not provide a lot of time for grading.

2. Another complaint concerns violations of the Honor System. While this may be true, I cannot believe that cheating would be eliminated by eliminating self-scheduling. Has anyone thought of giving different exams for the same class?

3. Other problems cited by professors are that students finish all of their exams quickly and therefore do poorly. With the proposed fixed schedule system, this problem would not be eliminated. Some students will still have five exams in three days and do poorly. Studying for exams is not an overnight process anyway. Good performance on exams comes from good performance throughout the term.

As for grading the exams, I still feel that since we worked so hard all semester, why shouldn't professors work as hard at the end. I suggest someone look into extending the period of time before grades are due.

I somehow get the feeling that if self-scheduling is abolished, the proctoring of exams is sure to follow. If either of these comes to fruition, it

will be a sad day. Sad because the professors don't trust us or the Honor System and sad because the students will have lost something that has helped many a student in the past.

Sincerely,  
Scott D. Kaplan

## EXAMS, from page 2.

The Lobby Committee, Executive Cabinet and Academic Affairs Committee strongly support the self-scheduling concept and are working to keep the current system, a system that has overwhelming student support and is beneficial to this college.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Loving

SA Academic Affairs Chairman

## HOUSING, from page 2.

the perfect atmosphere to learn and grow in. The gender percentage was never a big issue with me. Where has the Mary Washington College I transferred to gone? Can anyone help me?

Patricia A. Ziegler

## What's in at "the Wash?"

The Editor:

During our more than exciting Christmas break, we found ourselves and some friends with nothing to do but read *The Washington Post's* an-

nual "Ins/Outs" list, so we did a little list for "The Wash" and *The Bulletin*. Keep in mind, although some things on the list are quite serious, it was done in fun.

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Pizza Pizza  
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Westmoreland Women  
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Monroe  
AIDS  
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DC 101  
C-Shop/Pub Employment  
Coach Gordon  
Virginia Girls

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## Sports

## Swim and Dive Team Gets New Coach

by KIM LANCASTER

The MWC swim and dive team has a new face this year—that of Coach Paul Richards who formerly coached at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. His team members support him and agree that he seems very enthusiastic about his new position. Said freshman swimmer Susan Godfrey, "He's fantastic!"

For the first time, the Blue Tide has a full-time faculty member as its coach, and Richards also serves as the aquatics director for Mary Washington.

This year, Richards is working to update the swimming program for MWC. "Right now we're in kind of a transitional period from the program of the past to the program of the future. I have higher expectations and anticipate a lot of growth and more success," Richards said. "We have a lot of talented people now, and I'm sure we'll get more in the future."

The women's team numbers 15 this year with six freshmen, four sophomores, two juniors and three seniors. The four-member men's team includes three freshmen and

one sophomore.

With a current team record of 4-4, the best female performers thus far have been senior co-captain Beth Kelly, sophomores Robin Crowder and Cindy Schoeneberg, and freshmen Susan Godfrey and Susie Evans, according to Richards.

The men's team stands at 0-5, and Coach Richards cited all four of its members for their performances: sophomore team captain David Briggs; and freshmen Scott Bashore,

See SWIM, page 11.



Swimmer Robin Crowder

Photo by Barry deNicola

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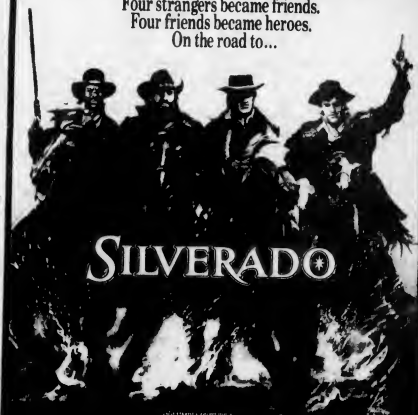
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## Sports

Blue Tide Shoots  
for NCAA Tourney

by BECKY SCHIEK

Mary Washington's Blue Tide pushed passed Frostburg's Bobcats Saturday night in a 94-86 victory climax. Wing Buddy Hawley had 26 points and Chip Suter 22 to lead four players in double figures.

Star-quality player Hawley grabbed 12 rebounds, the game high, proving his standing as one of the NCAA's leading rebounders. Coach Tom Davies commented on Hawley's rebounding ability. "At this time, his stats easily rank him as one of the NCAA's top ten leading rebounders," he said.

MWC dominated throughout the game, exercising their strong passing skills and offensive maneuvering. At the half, Mary Washington controlled the courts with their nine point lead and went on to clinch the decision with an eight point advantage.

"Tonight we passed extremely well," noted Davies. "We were pretty evenly matched up with their heights and this was beneficial."

The Wash goes on court tonight looking to upset Salisbury State. "Salisbury is a very important game

for us. Defeating them will guarantee us at least a tie for first this season," said Davies.

Presently Mary Washington ranks first in their Capitol Conference with a 4-0 record. "Nobody can do better than tie us. We would like to be division champs again this year," ex-



claimed Davies. "Recently we were ranked fourth in the Middle Atlantic Region, Division III," he added.

With a 12-4 overall record, Mary Washington's possibilities are plenty. "Four teams from each region get bids for the NCAA Tournament and I hope we'll be one of them," said Davies. "This is the best season MWC has ever had."

Women's Basketball  
Looks for Win

by BECKY SCHIEK

Tonight, with a home advantage, MWC's women's basketball faces Salisbury State at 6 p.m. psyched to win. Coach Connie Gallahan, optimistic about tonight's game said, "We've progressed a great deal from the beginning of the season, and we're right on the verge of beating all the very good teams. We have a good chance at Salisbury."

The Wash has been at a disadvantage this season with an overall record of 1-11, and Gallahan pins the problem on turnovers. "We have been giving up the ball too much. Two or three turnovers can really handicap the team," she said. "We need to get some confidence back. We have been playing and working extremely hard and now we just need a win to get us on track."

The Blue Tide also faces a tough schedule this season. "We've played many teams with excellent records. Even though we have been losing,

our performances since Christmas have been exceptional. We've lost some very close games in the last minute or two," said Gallahan.

Saturday's game against Frostburg lost intensity with a 77-56 defeat. In the first half (30-23) MWC followed close to Frostburg, but couldn't hold. With leading scorer Candice Fletcher's injury early in the game, MWC was on the defensive and lost ground. Helen Morrow led the Tide with 22 points, while junior Rene Thomas rebounded nine.

"We stopped running our offense and didn't play like we did in our last three games," noted the nine-year veteran coach.

Ahead, the Tide looks at each game individually. "Our major priority is putting offense and defense together and executing what we can do. We've done it before, we'll do it again. We are still there and capable," concluded Gallahan. Saturday, Feb. 1, the Wash travels to Eastern Mennonite College.

## FUND, from page 9.

relocating the national office and even a Jan. 7 meeting with Vice-President Bush, we dedicate a small amount of time to assist the Vice-President and in return experience new and exciting opportunities on the national political scene.

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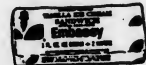
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